

Message

From: Deamer, Eileen [deamer.eileen@epa.gov]
Sent: 2/26/2019 3:46:20 PM
To: Miller, Patrick [miller.patrick@epa.gov]
CC: Cantello, Nicole [cantello.nicole@epa.gov]; Borries, Samuel [borries.samuel@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Watco Control

Can you call me? I'm revising the letter(s) to Durbin and Duckworth.

What day did we meet with the WATCO? Also, I have the Dec and Jan levels but do we want to include the average manganese concentration in the ambient air is now under the ATSDR's health screening level? Can we affirmatively say that?

Anything else we want to add? We can add that we had a call in Durbin's letter but Duckworth staff were not on the line.

Also, anything change in the SH Bell portion?

S.H. Bell Chicago continues to monitor for airborne manganese and other heavy metals. The average manganese concentration for the month of December 2018 was $0.108 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$, and the 12-month rolling average is $0.105 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$, well below the health screening value of $0.3 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$. All ambient air monitoring data is posted to a publicly available website (<https://www.epa.gov/il/sh-bell-chicago-facility>).

On November 30, 2018, EPA completed a soil assessment in the residential neighborhood near the S.H. Bell Chicago facility. Of the 104 properties sampled, five properties exceeded the 5,500 mg/kg removal management level (RML) for manganese and will require cleanup activities. Soil data collected by the City of Chicago indicates that several additional properties need further testing to determine if manganese concentrations exceed the RML. We will either work with S.H. Bell to conduct these cleanup activities or conduct the cleanup ourselves and pursue cost recovery. As you know, many of the properties sampled by EPA for manganese also had elevated levels of lead. EPA is still evaluating the lead data and possible EPA response actions.

Will send around for review.

From: Miller, Patrick
Sent: Wednesday, February 20, 2019 1:13 PM
To: Deamer, Eileen <deamer.eileen@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Watco Control

Hi Eileen,

I'm just following up on emails after being out of the office for a week.

Did the letters get sent to the Senators last week? Could I get a copy of them?

Thanks!
Patrick

From: Deamer, Eileen
Sent: Tuesday, February 12, 2019 10:17 AM
To: Borries, Samuel <borries.samuel@epa.gov>; Furey, Eileen <furey.eileen@epa.gov>; Ribordy, Michael

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Cc: Benning, Brad <benning.bradley@epa.gov>; Miller, Kristina <miller.kristina@epa.gov>; Miller, Patrick <miller.patrick@epa.gov>; Breneman, Sara <breneman.sara@epa.gov>

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I've changed the date Sam. Thank you.

I'm a little concerned regarding this line: If sensitive populations are present, EPA will ensure that cleanup occurs.

Are we only doing cleanup on properties with levels at (>1,200 mg/kg) levels of lead if pregnant women and children present?

From: Borries, Samuel

Sent: Monday, February 11, 2019 9:07 AM

To: Furey, Eileen <furey.eileen@epa.gov>; Ribordy, Michael <ribordy.mike@epa.gov>

Cc: Benning, Brad <benning.bradley@epa.gov>; Miller, Kristina <miller.kristina@epa.gov>; Miller, Patrick <miller.patrick@epa.gov>; Breneman, Sara <breneman.sara@epa.gov>; Deamer, Eileen <deamer.eileen@epa.gov>

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Eileen,

Version 7 looks okay to me. The soil assessment date should be November 30, 2018. Thanks.

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From: Furey, Eileen

Sent: Friday, February 8, 2019 4:44 PM

To: Ribordy, Michael <ribordy.mike@epa.gov>; Borries, Samuel <borries.samuel@epa.gov>

Cc: Benning, Brad <benning.bradley@epa.gov>; Miller, Kristina <miller.kristina@epa.gov>; Miller, Patrick <miller.patrick@epa.gov>; Breneman, Sara <breneman.sara@epa.gov>; Deamer, Eileen <deamer.eileen@epa.gov>

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Okay – I just learned from Jeff Kelley that the meeting with the senators was never actually scheduled – just contemplated, and by us. So, another revision and I'm down to needing only one date.

Eileen D – do you want to weigh in on this draft before we send it upstairs (promised to Cathy and Kurt by COB Monday).

Thanks to all,
Eileen F

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From: Furey, Eileen

Sent: Friday, February 08, 2019 4:21 PM

To: Ribordy, Michael <ribordy.mike@epa.gov>; Borries, Samuel <borries.samuel@epa.gov>

Cc: Benning, Brad <benning.bradley@epa.gov>; Miller, Kristina <miller.kristina@epa.gov>; Miller, Patrick <miller.patrick@epa.gov>; Breneman, Sara <breneman.sara@epa.gov>

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Peggy made a very few edits, so this is the most current version as of COB Friday. Note that I need two dates – the date of the meeting that got canceled, and the date Superfund's SHB soil assessment was completed.

Thanks,
Eileen

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Sent: Friday, February 08, 2019 3:33 PM

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Cc: Benning, Brad <benning.bradley@epa.gov>; Miller, Kristina <miller.kristina@epa.gov>; Miller, Patrick <miller.patrick@epa.gov>; Breneman, Sara <breneman.sara@epa.gov>

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Sam et al.,

I've tweaked the control a bit to smooth out some transitions. I've divided the letter into two separate letters, which I believe is still the preferred approach. Peggy Schwebke is checking it now for proper formatting.

Can you take a look and make sure that my edits haven't made it inaccurate? I'll also take other suggestions of course!

Thanks,
Eileen

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From: Ribordy, Michael

Sent: Friday, February 08, 2019 2:25 PM

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Sam, attached is a draft response which includes our paragraphs. I've had Nicole Cantello look at it and she was fine with the response. Once you're done I guess send it back to Eileen for holding. Thanks

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Here's an edited version from me. ARD folks – check for accuracy please. SF -you can start adding your information now. Thanks everyone!

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From: Breneman, Sara

Sent: Thursday, February 07, 2019 11:24 AM

To: Furey, Eileen <furey.eileen@epa.gov>

Subject: FW: Watco Control

There are some pleasantries I didn't bother messing with because I knew you'd do better. I've also attached the incoming. We didn't include something about we are following the SH Bell "SOP" with Watco. Don't know if that was specific to superfund, but really it isn't. Do you remember how Kurt phrased that?

From: Miller, Patrick

Sent: Thursday, February 7, 2019 11:11 AM

To: Breneman, Sara <breneman.sara@epa.gov>

Cc: Dickens, Brian <dickens.brian@epa.gov>

Subject: RE: Watco Control

Hi Sara,

Please use this version. The previous email had an older version.

Thanks,
Patrick

From: Miller, Patrick

Sent: Thursday, February 07, 2019 10:46 AM

To: Breneman, Sara <breneman.sara@epa.gov>

Cc: Dickens, Brian <dickens.brian@epa.gov>

Subject: Watco Control

Hi Sara,

Please find the draft response to the letter from Sens. Duckworth and Durbin.

Thanks,

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